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Statewide Trainings to Address New LEA Billing Requirements

The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) is conducting a series of statewide trainings, expected to take place in April and May 2006, to provide information about the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program changes. It is imperative that LEA providers attend one of the upcoming trainings to sufficiently prepare system changes prior to the July 1 implementation.

Training topics will include the following:

- Senate Bill 231 implementation
- Billing policies and procedures
- New national billing codes and modifiers
- Documentation requirements
- Revised layout of LEA provider manual sections
- Free care and other health coverage requirements

Additional training information and registration forms will be posted on the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program Web page on the CDHS Web site (www.dhs.ca.gov/lea).

Upcoming Changes

Providers are reminded that beginning July 1, 2006, Local Educational Agency (LEA) claims must be submitted with national procedure codes and modifiers, due to HIPAA requirements.

LEAs: DO NOT SUBMIT CLAIMS WITH THE NEW CODES UNTIL JULY 1, 2006. THE CLAIMS WILL BE DENIED.

Old Codes and Modifiers Discontinued

The interim LEA procedure codes and modifiers in use since 1992 are valid for dates of service July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Claims submitted to Medi-Cal with dates of service on or after July 1, 2006 must be billed with the new codes.

Highlighting Changes

Upcoming LEA changes include the following:

- Procedure codes in the X4900 range discontinued.
- Modifiers: Modifier -YX discontinued. New modifiers -TL and -TM put in place to identify whether a service was rendered as part of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP). Use of national practitioner modifiers to identify who performed a service. Use of intensity-of-service modifiers to identify whether a service is an amended or annual re-assessment, or whether the service is an additional 15-minute service increment.
- More specific identification of reimbursement rates according to whether a service is covered by an IEP/IFSP or is non-IEP/IFSP.
- Rendering practitioner job title updates.

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PROVIDERS MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE UPCOMING LEA TRAINING SESSIONS TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING NEW RATE STRUCTURE, AS WELL AS SERVICE LIMITATIONS.

The following chart summarizes the new HIPAA-driven national billing codes, modifiers and maximum allowable rates for each LEA service.

LEA Services Billing Codes Chart

LEA Service	National Code and Intensity of Service Modifier	IDEA* Service Modifier	Qualified Rendering Practitioners and Required Practitioner Modifiers (if applicable)	Maximum Allowable Rate
IEP/IFSP Psychological Assessment: Initial/Triennial	96100	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (no modifier)	\$ 343.44
IEP/IFSP Psychological Assessment: Amended	96100-TS	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (no modifier)	\$ 114.48
IEP/IFSP Psychological Assessment: Annual	96100-52	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (no modifier)	\$ 114.48
IEP/IFSP Psychosocial Status Assessment: Initial/Triennial	96150	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist/ Credentialed School Counselor (no modifier)	\$ 15.00
IEP/IFSP Psychosocial Status Assessment: Amended	96151	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist/ Credentialed School Counselor (no modifier)	\$ 15.00
IEP/IFSP Psychosocial Status Assessment: Annual	96150-52	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist/ Credentialed School Counselor (no modifier)	\$ 15.00
IEP/IFSP Health Assessment: Initial/Triennial	T1001	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Registered Credentialed School Nurse (no modifier)	\$ 96.32

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LEA Service	National Code and Intensity of Service Modifier	IDEA* Service Modifier	Qualified Rendering Practitioners and Required Practitioner Modifiers (if applicable)	Maximum Allowable Rate
IEP/IFSP Health Assessment: Amended	T1001-TS	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Registered Credentialed School Nurse (no modifier)	\$ 55.04
IEP/IFSP Health Assessment: Annual	T1001-52	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Registered Credentialed School Nurse (no modifier)	\$ 55.04
IEP/IFSP Health/ Nutrition Assessment: Initial/Triennial	96150	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG)	\$ 13.76
IEP/IFSP Health/ Nutrition Assessment: Amended	96151	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG)	\$ 13.76
IEP/IFSP Health/ Nutrition Assessment: Annual	96150-52	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG)	\$ 13.76
IEP/IFSP Audiological Assessment: Initial/Triennial	92506	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Audiologist/Audiologist (no modifier)	\$ 111.14
IEP/IFSP Audiological Assessment: Amended	92506-TS	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Audiologist/Audiologist (no modifier)	\$ 83.36
IEP/IFSP Audiological Assessment: Annual	92506-52	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Audiologist/Audiologist (no modifier)	\$ 83.36
IEP/IFSP Speech Language Assessment: Initial/Triennial	92506	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN)	\$ 162.00
IEP/IFSP Speech Language Assessment: Amended	92506-TS	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN)	\$ 88.37
IEP/IFSP Speech Language Assessment: Annual	92506-52	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN)	\$ 88.37

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LEA Service	National Code and Intensity of Service Modifier	IDEA* Service Modifier	Qualified Rendering Practitioners and Required Practitioner Modifiers (if applicable)	Maximum Allowable Rate
IEP/IFSP Physical Therapy Assessment: Initial/Triennial	97001	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Physical Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 146.62
IEP/IFSP Physical Therapy Assessment: Amended	97002	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Physical Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 101.82
IEP/IFSP Physical Therapy Assessment: Annual	97001-52	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Physical Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 101.82
IEP/IFSP Occupational Therapy Assessment: Initial/Triennial	97003	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Registered Occupational Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 160.07
IEP/IFSP Occupational Therapy Assessment: Amended	97004	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Registered Occupational Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 111.16
IEP/IFSP Occupational Therapy Assessment: Annual	97003-52	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Registered Occupational Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 111.16
Non-IEP/IFSP Psychosocial Status Assessment	96150	(no modifier)	Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (-AH) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist/ Credentialed School Counselor (no modifier)	\$ 14.31

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LEA Service	National Code and Intensity of Service Modifier	IDEA* Service Modifier	Qualified Rendering Practitioners and Required Practitioner Modifiers (if applicable)	Maximum Allowable Rate
Non-IEP/IFSP Psychosocial Status Re-assessment	96151	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (-AH) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist/ Credentialed School Counselor <i>(no modifier)</i>	\$ 14.31
Non-IEP/IFSP Health/Nutrition Assessment	96150	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Registered Credentialed School Nurse (-TD)	\$ 13.76
Non-IEP/IFSP Health/Nutrition Re-assessment	96151	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Registered Credentialed School Nurse (-TD)	\$ 13.76
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/ Anticipatory Guidance	99401	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Registered Credentialed School Nurse (-TD)	\$ 13.76
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/ Anticipatory Guidance	99401	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (-AH) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist/ Credentialed School Counselor <i>(no modifier)</i>	\$ 14.31

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LEA Service	National Code and Intensity of Service Modifier	IDEA* Service Modifier	Qualified Rendering Practitioners and Required Practitioner Modifiers (if applicable)	Maximum Allowable Rate
Non-IEP/IFSP Hearing Assessment (Screening Test, Pure Tone, Air Only)	92551	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN) or Licensed Audiologist/Audiologist <i>(no modifier)</i> or Registered School Audiometrist <i>(no modifier)</i> or Registered Credentialed School Nurse (Registered School Audiometrist) (-TD)	\$ 11.13 (<18 years old) \$ 10.20 (18+ years old)
Non-IEP/IFSP Hearing Assessment (Pure Tone Audiometry - Threshold, Air Only)	92552	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN) or Licensed Audiologist/Audiologist <i>(no modifier)</i> or Registered School Audiometrist <i>(no modifier)</i> or Registered Credentialed School Nurse (Registered School Audiometrist) (-TD)	\$ 16.69 (<18 years old) \$ 15.30 (18+ years old)
Non-IEP/IFSP Vision Assessment	99173	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Registered Credentialed School Nurse (-TD) or Licensed Optometrist <i>(no modifier)</i>	\$ 4.59
Non-IEP/IFSP Developmental Assessment	96110	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Physical Therapist (-GP)	\$ 12.73
Non-IEP/IFSP Developmental Assessment	96110	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Registered Occupational Therapist (-GO)	\$ 13.90
Non-IEP/IFSP Developmental Assessment	96110	<i>(no modifier)</i>	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN)	\$ 14.73

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Physical Therapy Individual Treatment, Initial	97110	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Physical Therapist (-GP)	\$ 40.73
Physical Therapy Individual Treatment, Additional 15 Minutes	97110-22	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Physical Therapist (-GP)	\$ 12.73
Occupational Therapy Individual Treatment, Initial	97110	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Registered Occupational Therapist (-GO)	\$ 52.80
Occupational Therapy Individual Treatment, Additional 15 Minutes	97110-22	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Registered Occupational Therapist (-GO)	\$ 13.90
Speech Therapy, Individual Treatment, Initial	92507	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN)	\$ 49.09
Speech Therapy, Individual Treatment, Additional 15 Minutes	92507-22	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN)	\$ 14.73
Speech Therapy, Group Treatment, Initial	92508	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN)	\$ 18.00

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LEA Service	National Code and Intensity of Service Modifier	IDEA* Service Modifier	Qualified Rendering Practitioners and Required Practitioner Modifiers (if applicable)	Maximum Allowable Rate
Speech Therapy, Group Treatment, Additional 15 Minutes	92508-22	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist/ Speech-Language Pathologist (-GN)	\$ 4.91
Audiology, Individual Treatment, Initial	92507	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Audiologist/Audiologist (no modifier)	\$ 50.94
Audiology, Individual Treatment, Additional 15 Minutes	92507-22	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Audiologist/Audiologist (no modifier)	\$ 13.89
IEP/IFSP Hearing Check	V5011	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Licensed Audiologist/Audiologist (no modifier)	\$ 32.42
Psychology/ Counseling, Individual Treatment, Initial	96152	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (-AH) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 52.47
Psychology/ Counseling, Individual Treatment, Additional 15 Minutes	96152-22	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (-AH) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 14.31

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LEA Service	National Code and Intensity of Service Modifier	IDEA* Service Modifier	Qualified Rendering Practitioners and Required Practitioner Modifiers (if applicable)	Maximum Allowable Rate
Psychology/ Counseling, Group Treatment, Initial	96153	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (-AH) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 11.61
Psychology/ Counseling, Group Treatment, Additional 15 Minutes	96153-22	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist (-AG) or Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (-AH) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (no modifier)	\$ 2.39
Nursing Services, RN	T1002	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Registered Credentialed School Nurse/ Licensed Registered Nurse/ Certified Public Health Nurse/ Certified Nurse Practitioner (no modifier)	\$ 13.76
Nursing Services, LVN	T1003	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Licensed Vocational Nurse (no modifier)	\$ 7.51
School Health Aide Services	T1004	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	Trained Health Care Aide (no modifier)	\$ 5.78

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LEA Service	National Code and Intensity of Service Modifier	IDEA* Service Modifier	Qualified Rendering Practitioners and Required Practitioner Modifiers (if applicable)	Maximum Allowable Rate
IEP/IFSP Targeted Case Management	T1017	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	Registered Credentialed School Nurse/ Licensed Registered Nurse/ Certified Public Health Nurse/ Certified Nurse Practitioner (-TD) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Credentialed School Social Worker (-AJ) or Licensed Psychologist/ Licensed Educational Psychologist/ Credentialed School Psychologist (-AH) or Licensed Vocational Nurse (-TE) or Program Specialist (-HO) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist/ Credentialed School Counselor (no modifier)	\$ 12.38 (Low Cost Provider) \$ 14.40 (Medium Cost Provider) \$ 16.42 (High Cost Provider)
Medical Transportation (Per Trip)	T2003	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	(no modifier)	\$ 18.54
Mileage (Per Mile)	A0425	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or (no modifier) (non-IEP/IFSP)	(no modifier)	\$ 1.30

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Exceptions to Submitting CIFs

Providers are reminded not to submit *Claims Inquiry Forms* (CIFs) for the following Remittance Advice Details (RAD) code messages, unless information on the CIF specifically addresses the denial reason. For example, if the denial was 002, but an error is found in the recipient ID on the original claim, this would be an appropriate CIF, with a changed recipient ID. However, if providers wish to challenge the determination, a CIF will result in the same denial. A review by a person in the appeals unit is the only way of resolving denials if the claim has a unique circumstance needing human intervention.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Message</u>
0002	The recipient is not eligible for benefits under the Medi-Cal program or other special programs.
0010	This service is a duplicate of a previously paid claim.
0072	This service is included in another procedure code billed on the same date of service.
0095	This service is not payable due to a procedure, or procedure and modifier, previously reimbursed.
0314	Recipient not eligible for the month of service billed.
0326	Another procedure with a primary surgeon modifier has been previously paid for the same recipient on the same date of service.

The updated information is reflected on manual replacement page [cif co 2](#) (Part 2).

CHDP 2006 Poverty Level Income Guidelines

The 2006 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines are effective April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. The guidelines are used to determine eligibility for the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program. Applicants are eligible if their gross family incomes are at or below the revised poverty levels shown in the following chart.

For additional CHDP information, call the Telephone Service Center (TSC) at 1-800-541-5555.

FEDERAL POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES

200 Percent of Poverty by Family Size

Number of Persons	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Annual Income
1	\$ 1,634	\$ 19,600
2	\$ 2,200	\$ 26,400
3	\$ 2,767	\$ 33,200
4	\$ 3,334	\$ 40,000
5	\$ 3,900	\$ 46,800
6	\$ 4,467	\$ 53,600
7	\$ 5,034	\$ 60,400
8	\$ 5,600	\$ 67,200
9	\$ 6,167	\$ 74,000
10	\$ 6,734	\$ 80,800
For each additional person, add	\$ 567	\$ 6,800

CCS/GHPP SAR Exceptions Update

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2006, California Children's Services (CCS) and Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP) providers need a separate Service Authorization Request (SAR) for the following drugs, factors and nutritional products:

- Anti-Inhibitors (J7198)
- Factor VIIa Recombinant (Q0187)
- Minerals/Protein Replacements/Supplements
- Sildenafil
- Tadalafil
- Vardenafil
- Von Willebrand Factors (Q2022)

In addition, effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2006, Factor VIIa Recombinant should be billed using HCPCS code Q0187. HCPCS code Z5230 will no longer be an active code.

This updated information is reflected on manual replacement page cal child sar 6 (Part 2).

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Remove and replace: cal child sar 5/6

Remove: cif co 1 thru 10

Insert: cif co 1 thru 11